



Pitch Systems in Pop Music Worksheet

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Elton John, "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting"

Musical notation for Elton John's "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting". The piece is in 4/4 time and G minor. The first staff shows the first four measures with chords Gm and F. The second staff starts at measure 6 with chords Cm and Gm.

Pitch center (don't ignore the harmony): _____

Melodic pitches, ascending, from pitch center: _____

Mode/scale: _____

Attempt to circle and label the non-chord tones on the excerpt above. Do any pose a problem?

Lizzo, "Better in Color"

Musical notation for Lizzo's "Better in Color". The piece is in 4/4 time and G major. The first staff shows the first four measures with a G chord and triplets. The second staff starts at measure 5 with chords C7 and G, also featuring triplets.

Pitch center (don't ignore the harmony): _____

Melodic pitches, ascending, from pitch center: _____

Mode/scale: _____

Attempt to circle and label the non-chord tones on the excerpt above. Do any pose a **problem**?



The Beatles, "A Hard Day's Night"

G C G F

5 G C G F G

Pitch center (don't ignore the harmony): _____

All melodic/harmonic pitches, ascending, from pitch center: _____

Mode/scale: _____

Attempt to circle and label the non-chord tones on the excerpt above. Do any pose a problem?

Led Zepplin, "Stairway to Heaven"

Am G F G Am G

10 F G Am G F G Am

Pitch center: A

Melodic pitches, ascending, from pitch center: A, C, D, E, G.

Mode/Scale: A minor pentatonic

Attempt to circle and label the non-chord tones on the excerpt above. Do any pose a **problem**?